

**SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR MANAGING USER ACCESS OF DISTRIBUTED
RESOURCES**

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ABSTRACT

10 A method and system to manage user access to resources on a network. The
preferred embodiments of this system would enable a resource provider to manager user
access to resources based on user specific criteria and resource specific criteria. The
invention creates user associated access session(s) and generates tokens corresponding to
such access session(s) to allow user access. The system is able to manager any type or
15 any combination of licensing criteria, to manager different licensing criteria associated
with the same user, to manage different licensing criteria associated with the same
resource, and to manage different licensing relationships among users and resources.
The system is scalable as additional sets of license managers can be added to manage
additional users and resources. Optionally, secondary access sessions are provided to
20 users to allow for completion of current task on resources when initial access session(s)
are depleted.